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1. General Petur Panchevski, Bulgarian Minister of National Defense, who was in Moscow in early December 1954, participated in Soviet Army maneuvers in which an atomic bomb was exploded in support of infantry.

2. Panchevski, in a lecture at the Bulgarian Military Academy a few days after his return from Moscow, stated that Soviet infantry units were in readiness at a distance of six kilometers from the spot of the atomic explosion, and that he himself watched from a distance of eight kilometers.

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